

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), rejected claims 22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), rejected claims 7, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103, stated that claims 1-4, 20-21, 23-24 and 26-29 are allowed and objected to claims 8-14 and 17-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

As indicated above, claims 5-7, 15-16, 22 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice. Additionally, objected to claims 8, 12 and 17-18 have been rewritten into independent form. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the objection to claims 8-14 and 17-19. Thus, all claims are in condition for allowance.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The reference taken singularly or in combination does not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

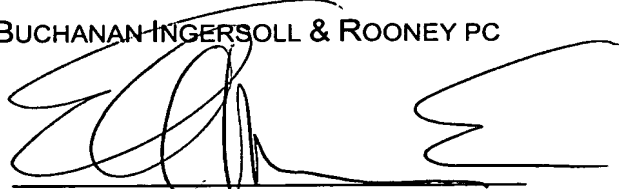
In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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